

A Memorable Era Ends

On Tuesday next, June 1, the ownership and management of the Torrance Herald, carried on for many years by Grover C. Whyte, and since his death by me, will pass into other hands.

It is with mixed feelings of regret and pride that I bid farewell to my official status as publisher—regret for the closing of a long and honorable era in the existence of this newspaper, and pride in the fact that the Herald has been able to serve the community and assist in its growth, to fight for its continued progress along lines best calculated to guard its welfare.

In turning the Herald over to Mr. King

Williams, as announced in last Thursday's issue, I am more than happy to introduce as the new publisher a man so fully capable of giving the City of Torrance and its vast trading area a newspaper of greater scope than ever, which, by its own growth and expansion, will bring new fame and prestige to this modern community.

To all my friends whose friendship, loyal support, and advice gave me courage to undertake and continue the management of the Torrance Herald after the death of my husband, I say from the bottom of my heart... thank you—thank you all.

—Pluma C. Whyte

The Pennant Races

Although the major league baseball season is not yet a third completed, it has already been demonstrated in both leagues that baseball fans will be treated to two exceptional pennant races in 1954. This was not the case last year, when the New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers wrapped up pennant honors relatively early in the season.

Though unwise to make baseball prediction at this early stage of the season, we go on record as saying the pennant races this year will be close ones, and that the decision in each league will probably not come until late September.

In the National League, when the season was one-fourth completed, only two games separated the first and seventh place clubs. This is an exceptional situation, proving there are a number of strong teams competing for pennant honors.

In the American League there have been at least two surprisingly strong showings which should stimulate interest in that league. The Baltimore Orioles have proved stronger than last year's St. Louis Browns and the Detroit Tigers have been one of the early-season surprises of the league. The Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators have not played up to expectations but the season is still young and their records will probably improve.

Nevertheless, it appears that Chicago, Cleveland and, possibly, Detroit and Boston will give the Yankees competition in the American League pennant race. In the National League,

Safety in Automobiles

Testing organizations continue to tell the American buying public that American automobile manufacturers are not giving sufficient attention to safety considerations. In thorough and scientific tests it has been demonstrated that several simple changes in automobile body structure could save many lives, and prevent many disfigurements annually.

One of the safety features which could easily be installed in automobiles is an overhead brace, or roll bar, as racing drivers call it, which would prevent the roof of automobiles from caving in if they turn over. Although we are aware of the fact that automobiles are not built to be turned over, the fact is that a number of them are turned over every day of the year. And in these accidents an unnecessary number of drivers and passengers lose their lives because the roof caves in and crushes the occupants.

Another safety factor which most automobiles should include is safer braking. Most analytical tests prove that the type of brakes used on a vast majority of U.S.-built automobiles loses its efficiency when brakes are applied over a sustained application.

Another safety device which would probably save more lives than any other thing, and certainly prevent more permanent disfigurements, is the safety-strap. Safety-straps should be worn by all those who are going to do prolonged high-speed driving. Every responsible test ever made proves that safety straps protect occupants and the driver from what might be a fatal injury in a large percentage of automobile accidents. Another safety factor which could be more carefully considered by manufacturers is weight distribution, the improper distribution of which causes skids, and therefore many accidents.

any one of a number of teams could win the flag, St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Brooklyn, and even Cincinnati are showing signs of causing the favored Dodgers trouble. Altogether, it looks like a good baseball year for 1954, and we are not so sure that the World Series will once again, this year, be a subway series—as was predicted in March.

Who's For Monsters

The long-debated question whether sea monsters roam the depths of the Atlantic and Pacific, and all oceans, may be resolved in the next few years. This is indicated by major discoveries being made by scientists now making their way all the way to the bottom of the seas in experimental dives.

The divers are using recently built submersible craft of the type in which two Frenchmen recently set a new diving record. Professor Theodore Monod, director of the French Institute of Dakar, recently submerged to a depth of 4,500 feet in the Atlantic, reaching the bottom off Dakar.

Professor Monod reports that he found a new and larger species of crab, hitherto unknown to the world. The new crab has a shell which measures some twenty inches in diameter.

As scientists continue to delve deeper into the depths of the oceans no doubt they will discover new creatures of the sea, and perhaps they may discover the answers to strange reports from sailors over the years, telling of mysterious creatures observed at sea. The world has waited many years for the answers.

Consumer Credit Down

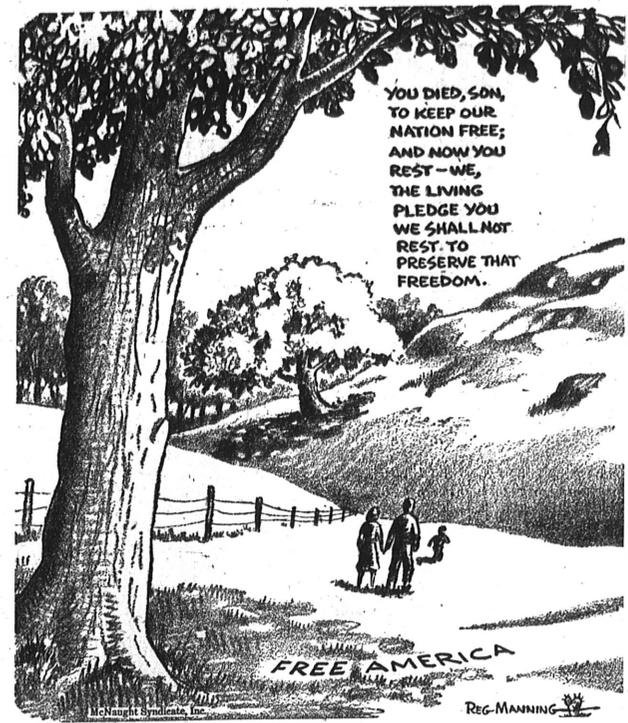
Consumer credit outstanding in the United States at the end of 1953 had reached a total of almost \$29,000,000,000. The greatest increases had occurred in 1952 and 1953, when consumer credit rose at a sharp rate.

Since the beginning of 1954, however, consumer credit has fallen off. In the first two months of the year, it dropped some \$1,400,000,000, bringing the total for the nation down to \$27,500,000,000. That represents the lowest consumer credit total for the United States since the summer of last year.

The decrease in consumer credit indicates the buying public is exercising caution because of the current recessionary period, and reinforces the arguments of many economists that the public generally adds moss to a rolling recessionary stone by tightening up its spending in periods when defense spending slackens and there is a general readjustment.

If the economy was to be manipulated in a more all-inclusive manner, the government would stimulate and encourage the increase of consumer credit (which consumes goods), when the nation needed this business most. As the economy now works, the reverse seems to be true. In the last two years, when defense spending was creating a boom and when there was an inflationary tendency, the American buying public increased consumer credit at a record pace. Now, with defense spending leveling off, and with a mild deflationary trend, consumer credit is down.

While some of this decrease may be caused by the larger number of jobless Americans, at least part of it is attributed to the restraint being shown by many buyers who believe prices are now coming down and will be lower and lower.



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the column which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

COMING HUSH HUSH EVENTS:

One of our most potent Bureaus in Washington, D. C., will quietly double its staff this late September... Florida will soon start a "spend the winter in Florida" campaign which will out-draw the famous advertising campaign in the 1920's inviting the out-of-staters to invest in property, real estate and other local industry... Our largest maker of maps will quietly withhold any new issues on several parts of the world until late next summer when certain boundaries will be settled by that time... A famous store chain will soon offer free movies every afternoon to draw customers during the slack hours, and this will prove to be a tremendous help to Hollywood! This will be fought by other merchants, but will prove most successful!

WATCH OUT FOR THIS FRAUD:

You will be contacted by a man who will represent himself as an "Employment Specialist" and will ask you to sign that you will pay him ten per cent of any job he secures for you which will better your present job, and of course you do. You hear no more from him until you change jobs and then you are served with papers by a court order. This fraud is beyond the reach of your State Employment agencies and their laws, for you have signed a "personal manager" contract with him, and no jurisdiction covers this personally drawn contract. You are forced to pay 10 per cent of your salary for his "advice" or "aid" although he is not entitled to one cent! If this fraud contacts you, call the police at once, or your Better Business Bureau! This fraud should be in jail!

more "inventive" on "promotional" ideas which secure results!... Stenotyping will grow in demand this coming year, and this is a profession where age will not matter, but demand from your school that they have it in writing that you are to be placed upon completion of the course!... A sure-fire diet for quick reducing will be based on raw turnips, and if you will eat one slice of raw turnip before each meal and drink a glass of lukewarm water along with it, you will find that your craving of food will be cut down. The turnip has a proven to be filled with energy which will carry your body on less!... A very famous actress who looks half her age will soon admit in print that there are no wrinkles on her face or neck for the simple reason she sleeps without a pillow. If you girls will try this you will find that the lines of tension will decrease even after one night!... A new cake mix, low in calory and to be mixed with water, will soon be on your grocer's shelves. The icing is also non-fattening, and is truly a wonderful thing for your figure!... The next frozen food will be Kansas Scalloped Corn, which you may heat for five minutes, and then serve!... The Fashion World will be very shocked by you girls demanding "comfortable" shoes and refusing to follow the "sky-high heels" for fall!... A new spacy scented sunburn lotion with a built-in deodorant will be a favorite for this summer not only for you but for the men as well!... Valerie K-870: To get to the major leagues in baseball your brother will be forced to play politics, and I advise him to be more of a mixer than you admit at the present time. Usually players are not advanced due to their skill but their faculty for getting along with others and playing team work. You have made up your mind

on many things, and usually when you make up your mind you have a faculty of getting things done! I am so happy that you enjoy the television program, and that this splendid paper brings so much enjoyment by carrying my column. Leona P-1823: I would advise Barry to buy a two-family house which will pay for itself. Always buy close in, near a school and shopping center. Again, my thanks for your good thoughts. I know I will have the pleasure of meeting you one of these days very soon. Mrs. Wayne L-1512: You will like the present. You will take a scouting trip to Illinois but never burn your bridges behind you. You will come through for you have the courage and faith in your convictions. Harold T-1950: Do not be too anxious to push your plans until late summer; for then certain things will be decided which will make the purchase of income property more feasible. You will not build now but later. You will see to it that your wife is taken to the large Public Clinic at the General Hospital, and there I know that medical science can determine her illness. Charles R-2014: Delay action until you find out exactly about this case through doing a little private detective work yourself on it. You will then place it in the hands of an attorney who will take the case on a percentage basis, as accident cases of this kind are usually handled in this manner. J.L-18: Graduate from college and then carry out this plan. T.F.: This would not be fair to your wife. R.R.G.: The publisher of the Torrance Herald will advise you on this matter for your club, as this is a civic proposition and I know he will lend a willing ear. H.H.L.: This is truly a matter for the authorities. J.J.J.: Dissolve this unfair partnership at once. C.M.V.: I have turned your case over to the Red Cross for I know they will be able to locate your sister through their wonderful bureau. C.K.M.: You should have no fear of your husband's threats—this is California and you own half the property in spite of what he says. Place this in the hands of your lawyer at once. Bertha M.: Forget this man as he is worthless. Do not make this last check good.

It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

The High Question

FLIMSY EXCUSE: One question to which a great many Americans would like to have an open and unequivocal answer is—what is really behind the Army-McCarthy hearings? Those who have witnessed the full televised spectacle thus far must surely realize that charges concerning the treatment of one G. David Schine are nothing more than a flimsy excuse for moves of a far more sinister purpose against the chairman of a legally constituted subcommittee of the United States Senate.

The attempt of Army Secretary Stevens and others to build a case around the charge of "preferential treatment" sought for one private in the Army is, on the face of it, silly, ridiculous, and childish. No evidence has yet been offered to show that preferential treatment was sought for Private Schine. On the contrary, a great deal of evidence has been introduced proving that what actually was sought for this soldier was considerable extra work, in addition to his Army duties, for the benefit of a Senate subcommittee. It has been made clear that Schine was to be given passes which would not interfere in any way with his regular Army training, but which would permit him to work for the subcommittee during time normally used by soldiers for personal and recreational activities.

UNJUSTIFIED FARCE: Even if Private Schine had been granted a permanent furlough for the purpose of continuing his work as a special investigator for a U. S. Senate subcommittee engaged in unearthing Communists and subversives, no crime would have been committed, the national security would have been enhanced rather than endangered, and certainly the executive branch of the government would not have been justified in using that as an excuse for trying up the work of this very important subcommittee.

For a Secretary of the Army, his chief counselor, and high ranking Army officers to repeat gravely under oath the unofficial remarks, often only hearsay, of a young man who has no possible control or power over the Army, and to use such alleged remarks as a basis for the charge of "mistreatment" of the Army, or of "preferential treatment" sought for a private in the Army, is an insult to the dignity of the Senate subcommittee hearing the case and to the intelligence of the American people. It is, therefore, nothing short of a farce for representatives of a department of the executive branch of the government to continue with the pretense that their charges were motivated by requests made for preferential treatment of Private Schine, or by alleged remarks or threats made by people who have no jurisdiction over the Army.

THE GUILTY PROTECTED:

Because of Mr. Eisenhower's secret edict, we may never learn the real motivation nor the identity of the people behind the charges brought by Secretary Stevens and others. But one thing is perfectly obvious—the actual reason for these ridiculous, lengthy, expensive, and wasteful hearings is not G. David Schine. It is equally obvious that no remarks by Private Schine, or by Senator McCarthy's legal assistant, Roy Cohn, made either in jest or in anger, could possibly have been the real basis for the charges brought by Stevens and others.

Just as we must look farther than David Schine and Roy Cohn for the real motivation, so must we look farther up the line than Robert Stevens and John Adams for the real instigators of the charges against Senator McCarthy and his staff.

IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

Political cartoon by Jerry Cahill featuring caricatures of McCarthy and Eisenhower with various satirical text boxes such as 'KNOW YOUR ARMY!', 'MAJOR GENERAL MASON M. PATRICK', 'FIRST CHIEF OF THE U.S. ARMY AIR SERVICE', 'HE NEVER EVEN BEEN IN AN AIRPLANE', 'HE NEVER FLEW A PLANE UNTIL 1922-- THEN WINNING HIS WINGS AT THE AGE OF 58!', 'MAN-MADE VOLCANO!', 'CREATION OF WATER KNOT, BUENA VISTA, CALIF. IT RUMBLES, HIGGES AND ERUPTS LIVE STEAM WHENEVER KNOTT FEELS LIKE AN ERUPTION!', 'THE FIRST LOTS WERE PARCELS OF LAND TO CHARLES M. DEWITT BY DRAWING LOTS!'.

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mission, Torrance Police Department and Torrance Auxiliary Police (TAPs), Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Torrance businesses and individuals for all the various exhibitors and the newspapers in this area. We look forward to next year's show knowing that we will receive the same enthusiastic support of the community. Sincerely, TORRANCE TERRACE GARDEN CLUB, TORRANCE JAYCETTES, NORTH TORRANCE, FUCHSIA SOCIETY.